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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, SL

SUBJECT: RELATIONS BETWEEN GVN AND SIERRA LEONE

REF: FREETOWN 1570 AND PREVIOUS

1. IN RESPONSE TO MINEXTAFF LUKE'S REQUEST THAT YOUR EMBASSY SERVE AS INTERMEDIARY IN COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOSL AND GVN, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT YOU AGREE TO CONVEY A SINGLE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH THEY SETTLE ON MEANS AND VENUE FOR OPENING DIRECT BILATERAL CONTACTS.

2. DEPARTMENT HOPES WE COULD AVOID BROKERING ENTIRE RECOGNITION TRANSACTION, OR SETTING UP GVN VISIT TO FREE-TOWN SINCE THAT WOULD LEAD TO AN OBVIOUS UNFAVORABLE CON-  
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TRAST BETWEEN GVN AS A U.S. DEPENDENT AND A PRG ABLE TO

PROMOTE ITS OWN INTERESTS UNAIDED. NEVERTHELESS, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES PRG RECOGNITION ISSUE IS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT THAT SUGGESTED LIMIT OF ONE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES IN PARA ONE SHOULD NOT BE RIGID AND EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ASSIST GVN, WHICH WILL CARRY ITS OWN BURDEN ONCE IT HAS AN OPENING.

3. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES THAT GVN FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD DISPATCH OR INSTRUCT ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO TAKE UP ANY REASONABLE (EVEN IF INCONVENIENT) GOSL PROPOSAL. ALSO THAT

GOSL IS LIKEWISE PREPARED TO INSTRUCT ITS REPRESENTATIVES TO IMPLEMENT AN AGREED COURSE. IN LATTER REGARD, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A GOSL-GVN CONTACT IN WEST AFRICA OFFERS BETTER CHANCES THAT GOSL REPRESENTATIVES WOULD RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO PROCEED WITH CONTACTS LEADING TO RECOGNITION THAN WOULD A CONTACT IN LONDON.' KISSINGER

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